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Dear David

PUBLIC PETITIONS [PE1510](#) AND [PE1511](#) ON POLICE AND FIRE CONTROL ROOMS

Thank you for your letter of 22 April seeking further information on the scrutiny undertaken by the Justice Committee and the Justice Sub-Committee on control room closures, the extent to which the points raised by the petitioners have been examined and what plans either committee has for further scrutiny of the decisions taken to close control rooms. The Justice Committee considered your letter during a discussion on its work programme on 29 April.

Neither the Committee nor the Sub-Committee has any current plans to examine the specific issue of control room closures. However, the petitioners may be interested to note that, in August, the Justice Committee plans to conduct a one-off evidence session with the chief inspectors of fire and constabulary on their inspection and thematic work in relation to the first year of the single services. There is a strong likelihood that the issue of control rooms will arise during that session.

Yours sincerely

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